



# Community Planning and Assessment

*Approved*

Friday, January 13, 2006

10:00 a.m.

Justice Complex

971 North Jason Lopez Circle, Florence, AZ 85232

Conference Room

*The following provides a written summary of recorded minutes. To listen to the official recorded minutes, contact Planning Council Support. The recording will be provided for review.*

## MEETING MINUTES

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**Attended:** John Zielinski, Larry Stähli, Randall Furrow

**Alternates:**

**Excused:** Debby Elliott, Keith Thompson

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Midge Elliott, Jeff Daniel, Marlene Bojorquez, Darlene Boles, Marion Levett, Jacque Miller, Norris Reber, Michael Bryson

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### Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts-of-interest

Larry Stähli called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/her self and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

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### Determination of quorum

Larry Stähli determined that quorum was established, with three of five members present at 10:10 a.m.

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### Review and approval of the minutes for the December 13, 2005, meeting

The committee reviewed the minutes from the December 13, 2005, meeting.

**MOTION:** John Zielinski moved to accept the minutes. Randall Furrow seconded.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**OUTCOME:** The motion passed.

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Larry Stähli  
CPA Committee Chair

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### Committee Chair update

Larry Stähli expressed his excitement in CPA's participation in the first meeting of the Ryan White Planning Council in Pinal County and encouraged all to join the Council to continue the work begun that day.

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### Discussion regarding the Pinal County Needs Assessment and development of the survey tool to be used

The committee met with community members to discuss the Pinal County Needs Assessment to develop the survey tool to use. Jeff Daniel and Midge Elliott of Collaborative Research explained the methodology, timeline and purpose of surveying in-care and out-of-care people. Wal\*Mart gift cards were discussed as incentives for taking the survey. Mosaic case managers helped identify the survey population and the services they access. Transportation to take the survey could be arranged through Collaborative Research.

Recruitment strategies for finding survey participants were discussed. Norris Reber volunteered to post flyers announcing the survey. Jeff Daniel suggested more targeted approaches that address sensitive disclosure issues. Marlene Bojorquez supported approaching the media, since she sees the face of HIV in Pinal County changing to reflect a more accepting community. Jeff Daniel said the *findings* will be widely publicized but everyone must feel comfortable during the surveying.

Challenges to surveying prisoners were discussed. Disclosing that you have HIV puts one in danger of being assaulted by other prisoners. Release planning makes survey scheduling difficult since there are many variables that determine when they leave prison. Mosaic Case Management hopes to develop formal tracking to determine whether prisoners remain in care upon release. Mosaic works with the Department of Corrections (DOC) to offer prisoners:

- Pre-screening for AHCCCS (Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System) eligibility with instructions on instant eligibility by simply showing identification at DES (Department of Economic Security)
- Instruction on applying for other social services available at DES
- 30 days of pharmaceuticals through the ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program)
- Linkages to community doctors and other services with assistance in setting up appointments

DOC is developing a program for voluntary counseling and testing of new inmates under a new department being created. Health Services is pressuring the DOC to get HIV education and treatment under control as it is a basic human right.

The case managers estimated the demographic composition of the people they serve to determine the sample set for the survey. Incentives for incarcerated people would be held by the case managers to give them when they are released.

Services that Pinal County residents use were listed. The group discussed possible solutions to saving Transportation funds, improving adherence, and enhancing the

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quality of care by extending the availability of Title I services within Pinal County through ideas like interagency agreements and traveling doctors.

Through the personal introductions of the meeting participants, Sun Life Health Center established linkages with Mosaic Case Management for referring clients directly. Their process has been to contact the county health department who contacted the contractor (Area Agency on Aging/HIV Care Directions) who then contacted the sub-contractor (Mosaic) for Pinal County.

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### **Current events summaries**

Randall Furrow invited all to attend Planning Council meetings, especially the Membership Committee. Applications for membership and calendars were distributed. Michael Bryson of Planning Council Support explained the vital role *guests* play in the Planning Council's decision-making. Teleconferencing was suggested to those who could not travel easily.

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### **Call to the public**

Marion Levett expressed interest in integrating HIV counseling and testing into her current job.

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### **Adjourn**

Larry Stähli thanked the attendees and assured the Pinal County attendees that their needs are being heard. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

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